

2007 Legislation Summary

Board for Licensing Contractors and Home Improvement Commission

SB 1784/HB1445

CONSTRUCTION: Requirements for general and home improvement contractors. Requires general and home improvement contractors to submit affidavit affirming that applicant maintains general liability insurance and workers' compensation insurance when submitting application for licensure or renewal. (S: Ketron; H: Rowland)

HB 1006/SB1728

Transfers the responsibilities of the home improvement commission to the board for licensing contractors; moves the staff of the commission to the board; creates three subcommittees of the board to focus on limited areas and report their findings and recommendations for final action by the board. Also changes the fee and licensing term for home improvement contractors to \$250 for two (2) years. – Deletes Title 62 and Chapter 37 and Amends Title 62, Chapter 6. Therefore, removes the requirement for general liability Insurance for home improvement licensees. (H: Curtiss; S: Ketron; Tate)

SB 0786/HB2122

Plumbers and Plumbing - Establishes a person's qualification to take the Tennessee Mechanical Plumbing (CMC-A) License as having three years' experience as a plumber prior to taking the exam or having an engineering degree in plumbing or in a mechanical field. - Amends TCA Title 62, Chapter 6, Part 1. (S: Burchett; H: Odom)

HB 0260/SB0619

RETAIL TRADE: Liquefied petroleum gas dealers exempted from licensure. Permits dealers of liquefied petroleum gas to perform plumbing work related to providing liquefied petroleum gas in any residential or commercial building without first obtaining a limited license as a plumber. (S: Woodson; H: Bone) House amendment 1 permits natural gas dealers to perform plumbing work related to providing natural gas without obtaining a limited license as a plumber.

HB 0735/SB1726

PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Plumbers to perform general maintenance work in a residence. Exempts plumbers from being licensed as a limited licensed plumber for performing general maintenance work within a residence. Defines "general maintenance" as installing home appliances and minor repairs not exceeding \$200 to home appliances and kitchen and bathroom fixtures. (S: Ketron; H: Curtiss) Senate amendment 1 increases the maximum value of installations and general maintenance work that a plumber could perform without the necessity of licensure from \$200 to \$500. Senate amendment 2 removes specific reference to water heaters in the non-exclusive list of home appliances that use water or are connected to a water line the installation of which would not require a plumber's license under this bill. House amendment 1 specifies that the \$500 limit on the value of installations and general maintenance work that a plumber may perform without the necessity of licensure applies to labor costs. House amendment 4 specifies that maintenance work and minor repairs to home appliances may be performed without a license if the energy source is not changed from electric to gas or from gas to electric.

HB 0741 (Note: passes in House with Amend. 2, No Amend. in Senate
PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE: Emergency actions by state board of licensing contractors.
Permits the state board for licensing contractors to specify certain emergency actions that may be
taken by the executive director without a meeting of the board, so long as they are posted on the
board's Web site and placed on the agenda of the next scheduled board meeting for review. (S:
Cooper J.; H: Curtiss) House amendment 2 limits such emergency actions to increases of the
monetary limits and timely consideration of licensure applications or renewal applications for
which there are no evident impediments to such licensure and for which loss of substantial
business is imminent if licensure is delayed.

HB 1879/SB2031) Liens - Establishes and clarifies rights and procedures related to liens on
improvements to real property. - Amends TCA Title 66, Chapter 11. (H: Curtiss; S: Coleman)

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